

January 11, 2017

The Honorable Steve Chabot
Chairman
House Committee on Small Business
2361 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nydia Velázquez
Ranking Member
House Committee on Small Business
B-343C Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Chabot and Ranking Member Velázquez:

As the nation's oldest and largest dental professional organization, representing over 161,000 members, the American Dental Association strongly supports efforts to strengthen the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980.

Studies have shown that small businesses expend roughly \$11,724 per employee annually to comply with federal mandates. Furthermore, various agencies have ignored the tenets of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, and have implemented regulations that impose unnecessary burdens on small businesses, including dental offices, across this nation.

To that end, we are writing to express our support for Chairman Chabot's legislation, the Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2017, H.R. 33. This legislation would prevent federal agencies from continuing to exploit statutory loopholes and avoid due diligence in the regulatory process by requiring agencies to fully examine proposed regulations to determine potential harms to the small business community. If enacted, this bill would provide much-needed relief to America's job creators in this time of economic uncertainty.

To that end, the ADA looks forward to working with you and your staff on any legislation that seeks to improve the Regulatory Flexibility Act. We stand ready to support your efforts to address this issue within Congress. Thank you for the opportunity to voice our position on this matter.

If you have any questions or require additional information concerning the above request, please contact Ms. Mindi Walker at walkerm@ada.org or (202) 898-2404.

Sincerely,

/s/

Gary Roberts, D.D.S.
President

/s/

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